

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Closed session began at 5:30pm. Mayor Ladwig called the open meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members in attendance: Miller, Ladwig, Grover, Davies. West was absent. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Eli Naffah, City Clerk Gabriel Adams.

**II. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – *Nothing to report.***

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion (Miller/Davies) to move approve the agenda as amended; Move Consent #1 to Discussion #1. Passed 4-0.*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 05-08-19 cc, 05-22-19 cc2, 06-05-19 scc, 06-12-19 cc, 06-26-19 cc2**

*Motion (Miller/Davies) to approve the minutes as written. Passed 4-0.*

**VI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Miller:** RCEA discussed wind power generation proposal, PGE wildfire policy, Central Valley Transmission line, Terra-Gen, etc.

**Davies:** Trails Committee update. Requested that Gov-to-Gov meeting notes be included in the staff activity reports each month.

**Ladwig:** HTA discussed the all solar bus and possible route options. Gov-to-Gov meeting with the Trinidad Rancheria discussed the 2020 Stormwater project and coordinating engineers.

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

**City Manager Naffah** updated the Council on the status of the school crosswalk safety project, and noted that starting in September the Occupancy Tax recipients will be reporting to the Council on a rotating basis.

**Mayor Ladwig** requested that **Naffah** follow up with signage to discourage commercial vehicle traffic on Ocean Ave. **Davies** suggested following up with the Coastal Commission to ensure a Coastal Development Permit is not required for implementing the 20-minute parking on Edwards Street.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

*(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)*

**Shirley Laos** – Trinidad Rancheria

Thanked the City for supporting and implementing the School crosswalk safety improvements.

**Dorothy Cox** – Trinidad

Concerned with the new pizza take-out business behind the Beachcomber Cafe.

**Victoria Sackville** – Trinidad

Also concerned with the new pizza take-out business behind the Beachcomber Café.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Staff Activity Report - June 2019

2. Financial Statements May 2019

3. Law Enforcement Report June 2019

4. Designation of Voting Delegates for League of CA Cities Annual Conference

*Moved to Discussion #1. Naffah primary, Grover alternate. No public comment. Passed 4-0.*

5. Approval of Van Wycke Trail Task Order with GHD.

*Motion (Miller/Grover) to approve the consent agenda as amended. Passed 4-0.*

## **XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Discussion/Decision regarding Council Committee and Commissionerships assignments.**

New Councilmember David Grover was appointed following the resignation of Jim Baker. The following changes have been made to the Committee Assignment list:

RREDC: Grover replaced Baker as Alternate.  
RCEA: Grover replaced West as Alternate  
OES: Grover replaced Baker as Primary.  
HMRA: Grover replaced Baker as Primary  
CA CITIES: Naffah primary, Grover Alternate.

There was no public comment.

*The Council accepted the reassignments by consensus, effective immediately.*

### **2. Update/Discussion/Decision regarding Verizon Lease Extension.**

City Manager Naffah explained that the current lease with Verizon for the cell site will expire September 01, 2019. The lease calls for monthly payments of \$3,000 plus 30% subleases. Verizon has underpaid by approximately \$24,000. The City Attorney has been advised and will be making a request for underpaid funds, including a 60-day notice of lease ending.

Verizon representatives indicated they will not be able to vacate the site by September 01 as they are working on a second, alternative site that will help maintain current service levels. According to the lease, holdover rent beyond September 01 is 150% of the current monthly payment. Verizon will update the City on a monthly basis with progress to vacate the site.

Council comments included:

**Davies:** Would like to see a drop-dead date for Verizon to vacate.

**Ladwig:** If Verizon continues to not follow through with the simple items, then we need to take steps to get them to comply.

Written comments received:

**Kim Tays** – Arcata

Submitted a letter requesting the City to ask Verizon if they have pursued developing a cell site on Green Diamond land, and suggested they're dragging their feet and taking advantage of the City.

*There was no public comment*

**Update only. No decision was made.**

### **3. Discussion/Decision regarding a Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission for a General Plan Progress Update**

Planning Commission Chair John Graves requested scheduling of a joint meeting to address the General Plan Update. The Commission wishes to give the Council an opportunity to provide them with specific direction on Water Policy issues, and to review the process in general. They also would like the Council to consider appointing a liaisons to attend Commission and Council meetings.

*There was no public comment.*

*Motion (Davies/Miller) to schedule a Joint Meeting on July 31, 2019, and ask the PC to designate a liaison to attend Council meetings, and a Councilmember to attend Planning Commission meetings. **Passed 4-0.***

## **X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Changing Regular Meeting Dates
- Update on New Pizza Business Behind Beachcomber
- Joint PC/Council Meeting July 31.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:30pm**

**Submitted by:**

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**Gabriel Adams**  
Trinidad City Clerk

**Approved by:**

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**Steve Ladwig**  
Mayor